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"THE FREE world is confronted with the plain fact that a great foreign power with vast resources to back a program of subversion and cajolery, proposes to do everything that it can to see to it that free governments will perish and that dictatorships of the proletariat, allied with Moscow, shall be established throughout the length and breadth of the lands."

The author of that statement is not a candidate for public office, trying to see what kind of support he can drum up by plucking at an old familiar chord.

He is, rather, the nation's best authority on what the Russian Communists are doing and thinking—Allen W. Dulles, Director of the Central Intelligence Agency. No one would be happier, of course, to be able to play a different tune. But Mr. Dulles is a realist and reports what he sees.

He sees a Soviet Russia no less determined than it has been in the past to extend its control through the instrument of international communism.

In an analysis of current Communist tactics which he submitted to the Committee on Un-American Activities, Mr. Dulles agrees that American-led alliances in recent years have bluffed the element or threat of force. But he adds, this only tends to channel Soviet activities into the struggle for power by other, more subtle means.

But what are these subtle tactics? And how do we recognize them?

They are not new, and there is nothing secret about them. Even so, intelligent and patriotic people in many countries have failed to understand.

"Possibly," says Mr. Dulles, "we should spend some time on what the Soviet leaders at the Party Congress have just been telling us. Tucked away in this oratory are the statements of the policy which we may expect to see the present Kremlin leaders follow for the immediate future. They have told us in no uncertain words what they propose to do to us."

He quotes, as an example, remarks by Khrushchev in a speech last February:

"The right-wing bourgeois parties and their governments are suffering bankruptcy with increasing frequency. In these circumstances, the working class, by relying around itself the toiling peasantry, the intelligentsia, the patriotic forces, and resolutely repulsing the opportunist elements who are incapable of giving up the policy of compromise with capitalists and landlords, is in a position to defeat the reactionary forces opposed to the popular interest, to capture a stable majority in the parliaments, and transform the latter from an instrument of bourgeois democracy into a genuine instrument of the people's will. In such an event, this institution, traditional in many highly developed capitalist countries, may become an organ of genuine democracy—democracy for the working people."

"Translated into a little less flamboyant language," says Mr. Dulles, "this means that the Communists propose to

infiltrate our free legislative systems, to take over our parliamentary governments, and to use the freedom which our system of government gives to destroy all vestiges of that system."

No country has been taken over by the Communists by free elections. Yet, they have taken over countries. They have done it by all or combinations of the following elements described by Mr. Dulles:

1. The use of force, or the threat of force.
2. The obtaining through popular vote of at least an effective minority position.
3. The willingness of other parties to join in political alliances and to admit Communists to key positions in the government.
4. Manipulation of key ministries so that non-Communist elements were driven out of positions of influence.

The effectiveness of these techniques in the past causes grave concern today over the fact that Communists have made serious penetrations in the Italian Parliament and the French Chamber of Deputies.

The question which occurs to one, naturally, after reading Mr. Dulles' statement is whether it can happen here. It hasn't happened here.

Even at the depth of the great depression the American people refused to give communism the cloak of respectability. The country instinctively understands that communism is the enemy both in war and peace, in good times and bad. The damage that has been done has been done by appointment not by election.